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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Operations
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FROM : John F. Blake
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SUBJECT : Proposed Replacement for Executive Order 11905

1. Attached for your review and comment is a DOD-CIA draft of an executive order which is a proposed replacement for Executive Order 11905. Neither the Director of Central Intelligence, nor the Secretary of Defense has yet officially approved the specific language or direction of this draft and comments are only now being solicited from other entities in the Intelligence Community, the Department of Justice, and appropriate congressional staffs. The differences between this draft and the existing executive order may be reduced roughly to five categories:

a. Format changes have been suggested where deemed desirable. The principal change of this nature is the incorporation of the definitions presently included in Section 5 into the general Definitions of Section 2 in order to avoid the existence of two definitions sections in the order. Also the subsections of Section 5 have been arranged in a more logical order.

b. The proposed order includes provisions deemed necessary or appropriate to implement Presidential Directive/NSC-17 of 4 August 1977, which granted extended budgetary, requirements and tasking authorities to the DCI. These provisions are concentrated in Section 3 of the draft order which describes DCI authorities, the functions of the Policy Review Committee and the Special Coordination Committee,

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and establish the National Intelligence Taskin Center and the National Foreign Intelligence Board as important entities in support of the DCI responsibilities. Other more minor amendments have been made in Sections 1 and 4 to conform to and acknowledge the expanded role of the DCI.

c. The functions of the Special Coordination Committee are described in Section 3(c). These functions have been enlarged to incorporate, in Section 3(c)(3), a role regarding foreign counter-intelligence policy and coordination envisioned for that committee by the recommendations of the PRM/NSC-11, Section 3 report.

d. Additional amendments to various sections may be traced to recommendations that were made last spring by the PRM/NSC-11 (part I) working group and that were approved by the Special Coordination Committee in May. These changes account for, among other things, the inclusion of a definition of "International Terrorist Activities," the inclusion of the Drug Enforcement Administration in the Intelligence Community in Section 2, and, with the exception of one recently added point, the revision of the provisions of Section 5(d), formerly Section 5(e), regarding Assistance to Law Enforcement Authorities. Other changes resulting from the PRM/NSC-11, part I, exercise have themselves been revised in this draft. For instance, the definition of "Foreign Counterintelligence" in Section 2 approved by the Special Coordination Committee has been altered to omit any reference to "activities" as well as information "relating to," etc. A further example is the retention of Section 7, the elimination of which had been approved previously.

e. The final category of modification includes those changes which the drafters of this proposed order believed, for one reason or another, would increase the clarity and conciseness of the order or would render the provisions of the order more compatible with the needs and desires of the Intelligence Community organizations. Included in this category, for example, is the deletion of the broad definition of "collection" from Section 5, and the modification of Section 4(b)(8), formerly Section 4(c)(5), concerning the reporting of crimes.

2. The altered provisions of this draft have been underlined in order that they may be more easily identified. Also attached is a copy of the existing executive order with interlineations which indicate how the current order has been altered.

3. A meeting is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, 18 August 1977, at the Community Headquarters Building on F Street, to discuss the initial reactions of the organizations of the Intelligence Community. Your responses and comments would be appreciated at the 9:00 a.m. staff meeting tomorrow morning in order that the CIA position may be expressed, at least in preliminary fashion. It is recognized, however, that a full analysis of the impact of this revised order may require additional time and it is requested that your comments be forwarded as soon as possible in any event.

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